

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A blowing fan comprising:  
a hub connected to a rotational shaft of a motor and receiving a driving force of the motor; and  
a plurality of blades connected at equal intervals in a circumferential direction of the hub and generating a blowing force,  
wherein a connection portion between the blades and the hub has an area-reduced form in order to reduce a rigidity of the connection portion.
2. (Original) The blowing fan of claim 1, wherein a slot is formed at the connection portion between the blade and the hub by removing a portion of the connection portion.
3. (Original) The blowing fan of claim 2, wherein the slot is formed by removing a portion of the blade connected to the hub.
4. (Original) The blowing fan of claim 1, wherein a plurality of holes are formed at predetermined intervals at the connection portion between the blade and the hub.

5. (Currently Amended) The blowing fan of ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein the holes are formed at predetermined intervals at the connection portion of the blade connected to the hub.

6. (Original) A refrigerator comprising:

- a main body;
- a freezing chamber formed at an upper portion of the main body;
- a refrigerating chamber formed at a lower portion of the main body; and
- a blowing fan disposed at a rear portion of the main body and blowing cooling air required for the freezing chamber and the refrigerating chamber,

wherein the blowing fan comprises:

- a hub connected to a rotational shaft of a motor and receiving a driving force of the motor; and
- a plurality of blades connected at equal intervals in a circumferential direction of the hub and generating a blowing force,

wherein a connection portion between the blades and the hub has an area-reduced form in order to reduce a rigidity of the connection portion.

7. (Original) The refrigerator of claim 6, wherein a slot is formed at the connection portion between the blade and the hub by removing a portion of the connection portion.

8. (Original) The refrigerator of claim 7, wherein the slot is formed by removing a portion of the blade connected to the hub.

9. (Original) The refrigerator of claim 6, wherein a plurality of holes are formed at predetermined intervals at the connection portion between the blade and the hub.

10. (Original) The refrigerator of claim 9, wherein the holes are formed at predetermined intervals at the connection portion of the blade connected to the hub.

11. (New) The blowing fan of claim 1, wherein at least a hole is formed at the connection portion between the blade and the hub.

12. (New) The refrigerator of claim 6, wherein at least a hole is formed at the connection portion between the blade and the hub.